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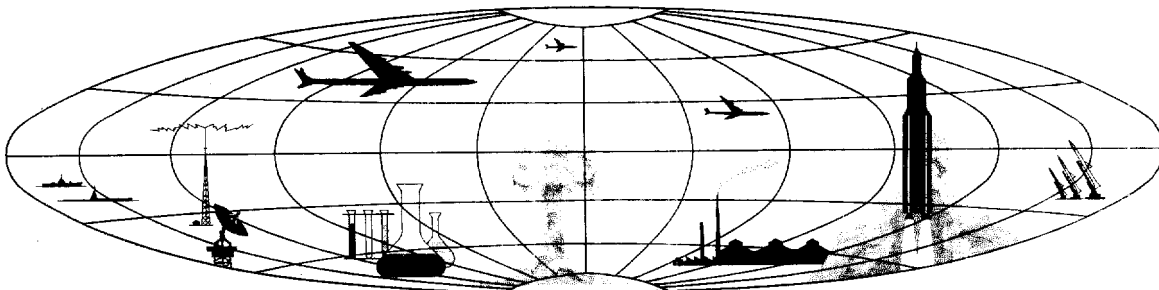
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3593, DATED 8 MAY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

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-MISSILES-

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N 08239W

SITE ABANDONED.
FIVE VEHICLES OBSERVED AT ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING
AND 6 VEHICLES IN VEHICLE PARK.

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GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N 08236W

SITE ABANDONED.
APPROXIMATELY 30 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN SUPPORT AREA.

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TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
ONE CARGO TRUCK OBSERVED.

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LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

NO APPARENT CHANGE

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MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AN OCCUPIED REVETTED GUIDANCE AREA, 12 PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS, 8 OTHER VEHICLES, AND 2 LARGE, 2 MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT.

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SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE

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CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE APPEARS OCCUPIED.
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2221N 08339W

TWENTY MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 6 PROBABLE FLATBED TRAILERS WITH PRIME MOVERS, AND 7 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2152N 07844W

APPROXIMATELY 25 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (23 WITH PRIME MOVERS), APPROXIMATELY 25 MISSILE CANISTERS, 2 POSSIBLE FLATBED TRAILERS, AND 2 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.
CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2104N 07700W

AREA CONTAINS 31 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (5 CANVAS COVERED), APPROXIMATELY 50 OTHER VEHICLES, AND

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NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS.

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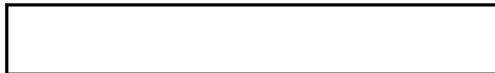
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MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W



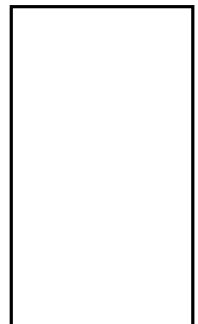
SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 3 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (2 IN HOLD POSITIONS), 3 REVETTED HOLD POSITIONS (2 NET COVERED), A REVETTED OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA, 3 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND 4 SMALL TENTS, 2 VANS IN REVETMENTS, 2 OTHER VANS, AND 8 OTHER VEHICLES.

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MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W



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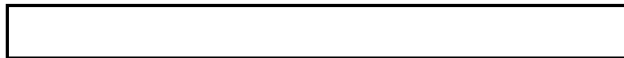
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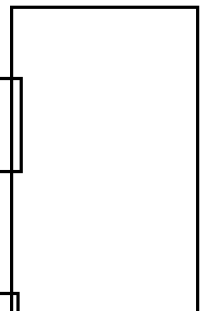
SITE CONTAINS 2 REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, A REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA, 10 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, AND 10 VEHICLES.

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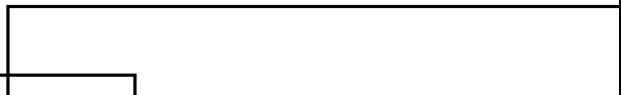
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CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W



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NO APPARENT CHANGE



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GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

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NO APPARENT CHANGE



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-AIRFIELDS-

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CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 14 FAGOT/FRESCO.
FIVE SHIPPING CRATES OBSERVED ON SOUTH SIDE OF E/W
TAXIWAY.

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CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2125N 07751W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 6 FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE HARE OBSERVED
IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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SIGUANEA AIRFIELD 2138N 08257W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 35 FISHBED, 7 FARMER (ONE NOT
OPERATIONAL), 17 FAGOT/FRESCO, 11 B-26, 3 T-6, AND 6
UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT.

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JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE COOT, 2 BRITANNIA, 4 C-54, ONE C-47, 3
CONSTELLATION, 4 C-46, 3 CRATE, 4 LIAISON/TRAINER, ONE
LODESTAR, ONE CESSNA 310, AND ONE BEECHCRAFT.

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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CRATE, ONE CAB, 6 COLT, ONE PBY, 41
LIAISON/TRAINER, AND ONE FAGOT/FRESCO.

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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

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NO APPARENT CHANGE

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PLAYA BARAGOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CRATE, ONE CAB, ONE LIAISON/TRAINER,
64 HOUND, 4 HARE, AND 2 BELL HELICOPTER.

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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COLONEL MARTIN MARRERRO AIRFIELD 2150N 08247W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE COLT AND ONE LIAISON/TRAINER.

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-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 2 PF, ONE PC, ONE LENINSKIY KOMSOMOL-CLASS FREIGHTER (2 HATCHES OPEN) AT MARIEL CITY PIER (NO VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT ON PIER EXCEPT FOR ONE CRANE), AND ONE LARGE FREIGHTER (2 HATCHES OPEN AND BOOMS ACTIVE) AT LA BOCA PIER (NUMEROUS CRATES/MATERIAL ON PIER AND 7 TRACTOR-TRAILERS IN AREA).

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BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- ONE PF, 3 PROBABLE PT, AND ONE FREIGHTER OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS (HATCHES OPEN AND BOOMS
ACTIVE) AND ONE TANKER.
RAILROAD CARS ON PIERS ALONGSIDE THE VESSELS. NO
MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED
IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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NUEVA GERONA PORT 2153N 08248W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN
CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE
AREAS.

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JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN
CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN
CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

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VESSELS -- 27 LARGE FREIGHTERS (ONE AT ANCHOR WITH A
DECK CARGO OF 17 CRATES, APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] AND
APPROXIMATELY 18 PROBABLE VEHICLES), 6 COASTAL
FREIGHTERS, ONE LARGE TANKER, ONE COASTAL TANKER, 8
PT (ONE ON MARINE RAILWAY), ONE PF, 6 PC, AND 6
TRAWLERS.

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LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

VESSELS -- ONE FREIGHTER AT CAYO JUAN CLARO (HATCHES OPEN, BOOMS ACTIVE, AND RAILROAD CARS ALONGSIDE) AND ONE TANKER ANCHORED IN BAY.

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-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2301N 08225W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
TWENTY-EIGHT VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
FORTY-FOUR VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE

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LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

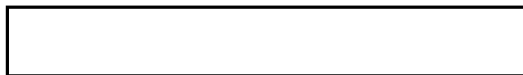
SITE CONTAINS 4 LARGE AND ONE SMALL TENT, 15 VAN TRUCKS, AND 15 OTHER VEHICLES.

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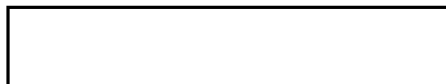


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BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
FIVE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
SIX VEHICLES OBSERVED.

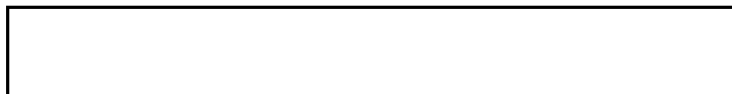
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HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

MAIN CAMP -- SCATTERED CLOUDS PRECLUDE DETAILED
INTERPRETATION.
ENCAMPMENT .6 NM SE -- 44 LARGE TENTS (NOT OF
A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE), 8 BARRACKS, 9 SUPPORT
BUILDINGS, 7 CARGO TRUCKS, AND 8 PROBABLE AAA PIECES.
ENCAMPMENT 2.2 NM SE -- 10 LARGE TENTS (NOT OF A KNOWN
SOVIET TYPE) AND 6 CARGO TRUCKS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE
AREAS.

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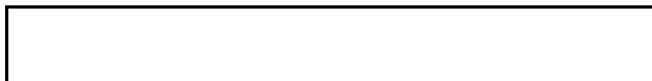


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CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 1 2121N 07751W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
APPROXIMATELY 80 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
ONE VEHICLE OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE

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TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE

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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2221N 07957W

TEN CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS OBSERVED.

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CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2126N 07753W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

SITE CONTAINS 27 LOWBOY TRAILERS, 4 PROBABLE TANKS/SP
GUNS, AND APPROXIMATELY 250 OTHER VEHICLES.

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NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

APPROXIMATELY 13 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY
10 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
ONE VEHICLE OBSERVED.

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CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

FIFTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS AND 20 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

THIRTY-FOUR VEHICLES (18 WITH FA PIECES IN TOW)
OBSERVED.

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GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- 35 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 24 OTHER
VEHICLES, AND 6 FA PIECES.
WEST AREA -- 52 VEHICLES (18 WITH FA PIECES IN TOW)
AND 3 OTHER FA PIECES.

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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

TWO LOWBOY TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY 150 VEHICLES
OBSERVED.

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- AT LEAST 12 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY
70 OTHER VEHICLES.

AREA 2 -- 13 VEHICLES.

AREA 3 -- AT LEAST 20 TANKS/SP GUNS AND AT LEAST
8 OTHER VEHICLES.

AREA 4 -- 21 FA PIECES.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

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MAYARI ARRIBA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2029N 07530W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

APPROXIMATELY 50 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE
AREAS.

HEAVY CLOUDS AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE FURTHER
INTERPRETATION.

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SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

VEHICLES REMAIN IN VEHICLE PARK AND VEHICLES/PIECES
OF EQUIPMENT REMAIN ON CENTER LOOP ROAD.

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MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

APPROXIMATELY 35 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN HEADQUARTERS
AREA.

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LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION 2208N 08004W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C 2258N 08258W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
THE 16 UNIDENTIFIED CRATES REMAIN.

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE
LAST COVERAGE.

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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3	2242N 08308W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1	2243N 08001W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE	2257N 08317W
HAVANA SAM SITE	2309N 08213W
CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W
LOS ANGELES SAM SITE	2100N 07541W
SIGUANEA SAM SITE	2137N 08257W
MANATI SAM SITE	2113N 07702W
SENADO SAM SITE	2136N 07733W
CHAMBAS SAM SITE	2213N 07853W
DELEITE SAM SITE	2259N 08045W
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2257N 08221W
CAMAGUEY AIRFIELD SAM SITE	2122N 07750W
HOLGUIN SAM SITE	2052N 07627W
SIGUANEA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2137N 08258W
PRESTON AIRFIELD	2044N 07539W
JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD	2209N 08025W
EL JUCARO, MILITARY AREA	2051N 07543W

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SANTA FE AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2143N 08249W
MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVE STORAGE SITE	2228N 08347W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W

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SPECIAL AREA VICTOR
SPECIAL AREA TANGO
TARARA LANDING BEACH
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH
VARADERO LANDING BEACH
PLAYA COLOMBO LANDING BEACH
PLAYA DE FLAMENCOS LANDING BEACH
NICARAO LANDING BEACH

2300N 08234W
2258N 08244W
2310N 08212W
2301N 08126W
2308N 08118W
2154N 08246W
2153N 08243W
2042N 07533W

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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT
NOT INTERPRETED --

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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4
SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE
SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE
MATANZAS SAM SITE
CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE
SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE
ESMERALDA SAM SITE
CIFUENTES SAM ASSEMBLY AREA
LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE
SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD
TRINIDAD AIRFIELD
CASILDA PORT
ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP
REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP
SAN GERMAN AREA, MILITARY CAMP
SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP
MADRUGA, POL STORAGE
LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP
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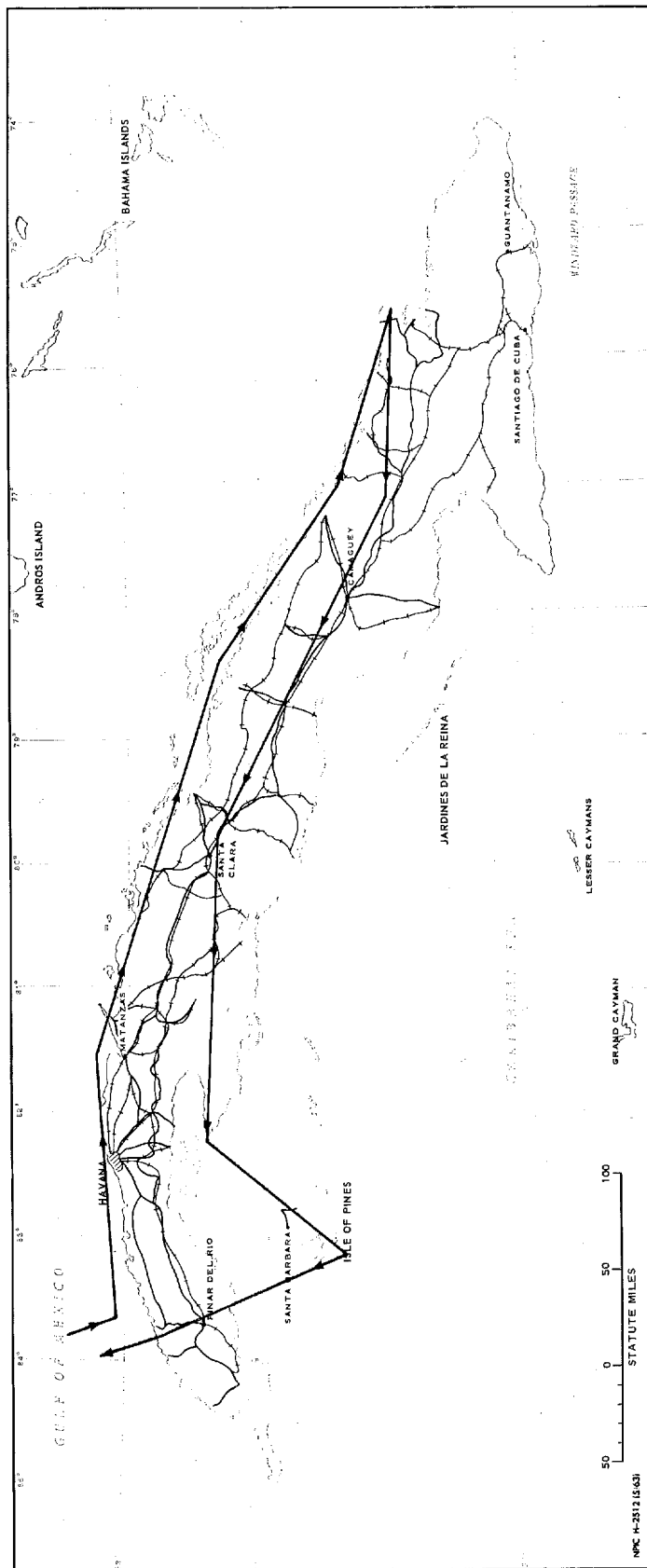
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